
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DIVISION OF BOATING AND OCEAN RESOURCES OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO DEVELOP
INDIVIDUALIZED EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANS FOR EACH SMALL BOAT
HARBOR UNDER ITS JURISDICTION.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is susceptible to a variety of severe
2 weather conditions that have the potential to affect small boat
3 harbors, including hurricanes, tsunamis, heavy rainfall, and
4 waterspouts; and

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6 WHEREAS, in 2011, a tsunami damaged two hundred boats at
7 Keehi Small Boat Harbor; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Division of Boating and Ocean Resources of the
10 Department of Land and Natural Resources has created emergency
11 plans for small boat harbors to follow if a tsunami or hurricane
12 occurs; and

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14 WHEREAS, rather than having individualized emergency plans
15 for each small boat harbor, the tsunami emergency plan and the
16 hurricane emergency plan are general plans that are to be
17 followed by all small boat harbors; and

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19 WHEREAS, each of Hawaii's small boat harbors face unique
20 challenges when responding to emergencies, and each would
21 benefit from an individualized emergency response plan that
22 considers its individual challenges; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
26 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Division of
27 Boating and Ocean Resources of the Department of Land and
28 Natural Resources is urged to develop individualized emergency



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1 response plans for each small boat harbor under its
2 jurisdiction; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Division of Boating and
5 Ocean Resources of the Department of Land and Natural Resources
6 is requested to submit a report to the Legislature no later than
7 twenty days prior to the convening of the 2016 Regular Session
8 on the status of its efforts to develop individualized emergency
9 response plans for each small boat harbor under its
10 jurisdiction; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
14 Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Administrator of the
15 Division of Boating and Ocean Resources.

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18 OFFERED BY: Wade E. Linn

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